SUBJECT No. 219.

Application fee and age limit to private candidates for the Lower Secondary Examination.

(*a*) Messrs. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Madappa and N. Srikantaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

(*a*) and (*b*) Messrs. C. Vaman Rao and N. Subba Rao, Nagar Taluk, and M. Lakshminaranappa, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

(*b*) Messrs. H. Krishnasastri and Somasetti, Krishnarajpete Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The rule that pupils who have not attained the age of sixteen years should not appear for the Lower Secondary Examination as private candidates operates as a hardship in the case of several intelligent students who cannot attend a school owing to the inability to pay school fees or lose their term for want of attendance for the required number of days on account of illness or other causes. It is therefore prayed that the age restriction imposed on private candidates may be removed and that they may be allowed to appear for the examination just like pupils sent up from schools.

(*b*) The application fee for private candidates may also be made equal to that payable by a candidate appearing from a recognised school.

Reply of Government.—The rules are framed to encourage boys to read in schools.

SUBJECT No. 220.

Organization of a Book Committee.

Mr. Moulvi Dervish Peer, Anjuman-i-Himayath Islam, Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—A Book Committee may be organized, and the books which are published in the State should be approved by that Committee before they are circulated. It should be held responsible for remedying the evils arising from the publication of certain kinds of books which corrupt and poison the minds of youths.

Reply of Government.—Specific cases of bad books may be brought to the notice of Government.

SUBJECT No. 221.

The Text-book Committee.

Mr. K. Sankaranarayana Rao, Nagar Sabha.

Summary of discussion.—It is very desirable to have purely non-official gentlemen as members of the Text-book Committee. If such a Committee consists only of officials, there cannot properly be a place for independent views on matters relating to the selection of text-books.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 222.

Kannada text-books.

Messrs. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Municipality; Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore City Municipality; and A. Ramanna, Yedatore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) The Kannada Third Reader now prescribed as a text-book is published by the Department of Public Instruction in Bombay. The subject matter of the various lessons is good, but the language of the book is very inferior. Ordinarily our boys speak better Kannada than that of the book. In short our boys will have to unlearn their good Kannada and learn the bad Kannada of Bombay by studying such text-books.

(2) So also Ankle's translation series are not suited to our boys.

(3) The Department of Public Instruction may appoint a Committee for bringing out the necessary text-books in Kannada instead of borrowing the same from Bombay or Madras.

Reply of Government.—A report will be called for from the Inspector-General of Education.